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## "NEVER TAKE A WOODEN NICKEL":

by Ross Kingdon

Twenty-five years ago this month (April 1977), I joined this Association (CAWMC). In that exact same month and year, another current CAWMC member, Edwin Burt of Ottawa, also joined CAWMC. I know that there are several current members of CAWMC who have been members for much longer than this. Some of these people are original charter members.

As I recall, in 1977, I was collecting a lot of different numismatic material, but I must admit that I was getting most pleasure out of collecting 'wooden money'. I was corresponding with many, many people from all over North America, in order to obtain their 'woods'. Back then, the names of many of those people didn't mean as much to me as they do today. Obviously I wasn't as involved or as serious about the hobby then, as now. Many of the people, with whom I corresponded, have since passed on.

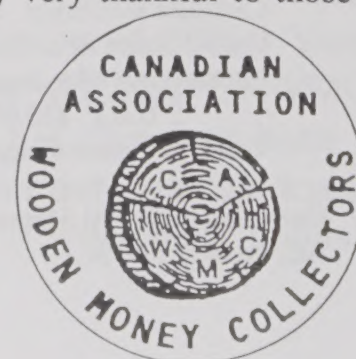
Many times I've heard the expression "Never take a wooden nickel". Well, I take wooden nickels whenever they are offered to me, any time, anywhere. I've even heard it said 'Don't trust those guys who are handing out wooden nickels.' I know these comments are usually only meant in jest, but the reality is that 'wooden money' collecting is generally viewed as being at the bottom of the list to a large percentage of numismatists or people in the field of numismatics. I suggest, however, that we 'woodies' get more, or certainly as much, fun and enjoyment out of our field of collecting as do most other collectors, and we don't have to deplete the bank account while doing it.

For me, collecting wooden money has brought back the fun into the hobby of numismatics, something that I feel has not always been there, at least in the last decade or so. Collecting wooden money has much to offer a person, from history for the 'history research buff' to just collecting for the beauty of the issues (past and present), for those of us who appreciate the work, and labour of passion put into the production of some woods.

At meetings or conventions, you can usually find a group of 'woodies' either sitting in the hotel lobby or in a member's room having a good swap session or just having a good 'chin-wag'. It no longer bothers me when I sometimes get that somewhat condescending look from a bourse floor dealer after asking him/her if they might have any wooden nickels for me to look at. I fully understand that they certainly aren't going to get rich, or cover their table rental costs, by flogging wooden nickels to people like me.

I'm proud to have been a member of CAWMC for twenty-five years and certainly very thankful to those people who founded the Association, (people like Gary Braunwarth-first president and editor), back in 1974/75. There are far too many other people to begin mentioning names here.

So, let's all keep up our efforts to promote our hobby and why not say "Always take a wooden nickel" instead of the title above. You can be sure that 'woodies' can be 'trusted' and will take all the wooden nickels they can get their hands on. Please keep the articles and wooden money news coming, so that I might keep all members informed of the happenings in the hobby. Happy collecting.





**NEW, YEAR 2002, SUPPLEMENT UPDATE CATALOGUE COMING:**

Our Canadian wooden money cataloguer, **Norm Belsten**, is hoping to soon have ready to distribute, *an updated supplement* listing of all new woods issued since the last supplement of the year 2000. He informs me that *this new 2002 wood listing update may be ready* for members attending the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC meeting at the upcoming Ontario Numismatic Association convention in London, Ontario on Sat. Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>.

The last (year 2000) supplement, contained the listing of most known new wood issues up to and including that year's O.N.A. convention issues. Any subsequent wood issues for the year 2000 (i.e. Canadian Numismatic Association woods and Christmas 2000 woods), were not included then, but will be listed in this new 2002 supplement. I, like many other collectors, like to be able to put new woods into my collection with an identifying catalogue number to go along with them. I, therefore look forward to the issuing of these supplements. This catalogue numbering allows for much easier future reference to these woods and helps keep my collection much better organized.

Norm's efforts in doing these supplements is certainly appreciated as it takes many hours of work, not only on the computer, but also in contacting people and getting the information coordinated for our use. Thank you for your efforts, Norm.

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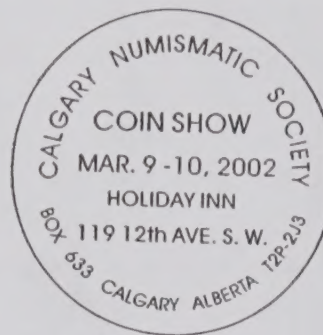
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 United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds  
 International Members Rate (outside of Canada and U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds  
 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

**FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH**

Our free wood, to all members, for this month was provided by our membership chairman, **Al Munro** who is a member of the Calgary Numismatic Society.

The wood was issued at their last month's show (March 9 – 10, 2002) in Calgary, Alberta. The wood was made by Norm Belsten. It is blue in colour on both sides.

Thank you, Al, for this wood.



## ● S.O.C. OF C.A.W.M.C. MEETING AT O.N.A.:



The Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC will continue its tradition of holding a meeting at the **annual convention** of the **Ontario Numismatic Association**. As advertised in last month's newsletter, this 40<sup>th</sup> annual convention will take place on **April 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>** in **London, Ontario** at the **Four Points Sheraton Hotel 1150**

**Wellington Road South**. The **Ingersoll Coin Club** is hosting this year's event.

On page five of this newsletter is a convention **Registration Form** which, if interested, should be mailed off immediately with your payment, to the address noted on the form. As well, on page six of this newsletter is the **Program Of Events** outlined for each of the three days of the convention. Note that **the S.O.C. of CAWMC meeting is being held on SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend the meeting where you can expect some trading, free woods, door draw prizes and an auction. Come and participate in the fun.

The O.N.A. medal design ( here, upper right) shows a drawing of the historic Millar's Royal Paragon Cheese Manufacturing Plant in Ingersoll, Ontario. Ingersoll is just east of London, Ontario. On the bottom part of the obverse is shown three rounds of cheese with a mouse eating the edge of the left round of cheese. Inside the maple leaves on the outer part of the medal are the initials 'A' and 'K' standing for Aulis Koslonen, the designer of the medal. The idea of the three rounds of cheese was taken from the design of the Ingersoll Coin Club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary medal issued in 1986.



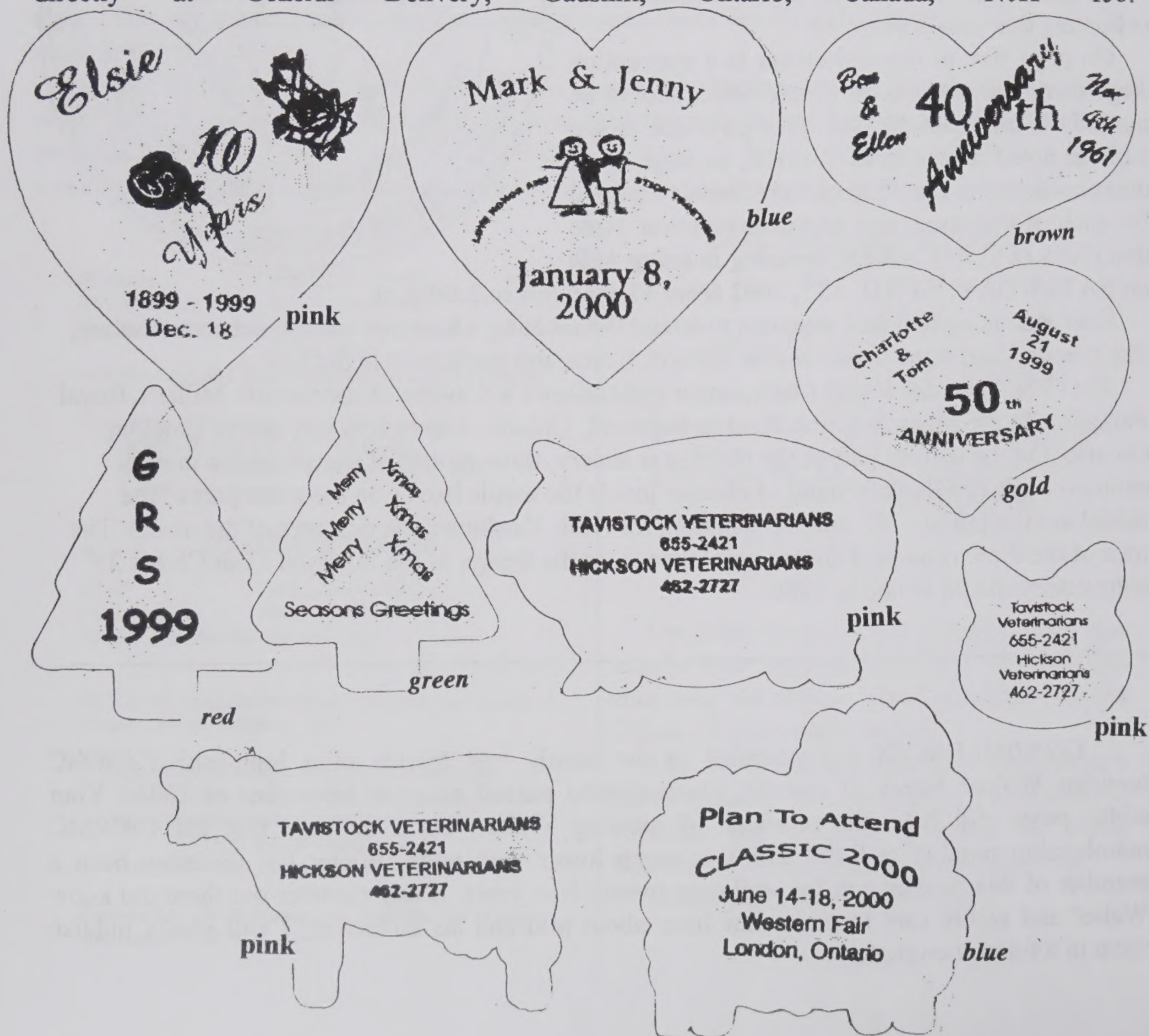

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**CONDOLENCES** are extended to the family and friends of a long-time CAWMC member **Walter Berry** of *Lasalle, Quebec*, who passed away in December of 2001.. Your editor never did have the privilege of meeting Walter, but I do note that his CAWMC membership number is R109 which is much lower than mine. Walter has therefore been a member of this Association for well over twenty-five years. If any member out there did know Walter and would care to pen a few lines about him and his collecting, I will gladly publish them in a future newsletter.

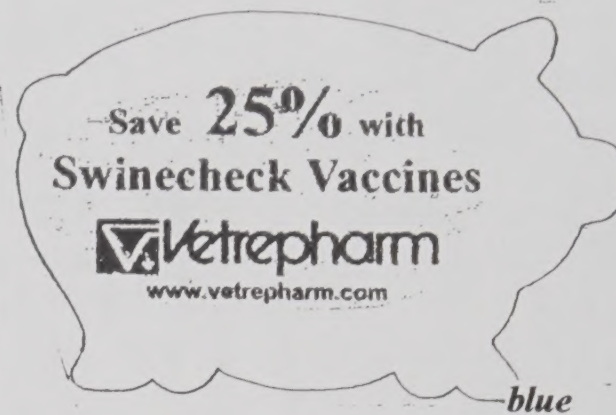
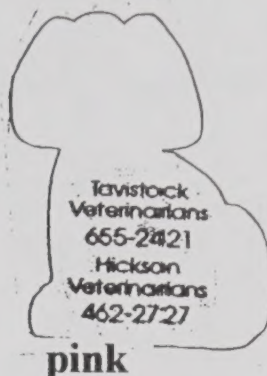
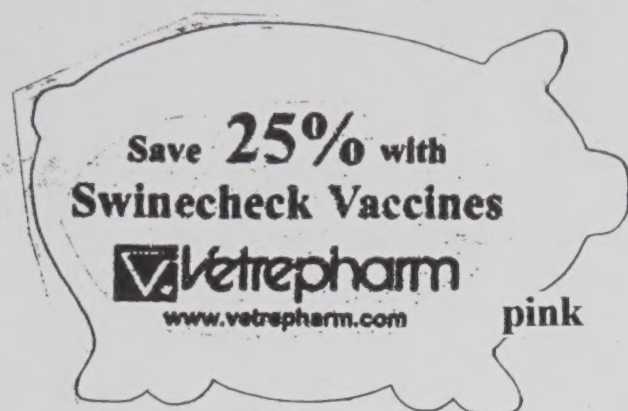


**SOUVENIR-TYPE WOODS:**

Canada Wide Woods from Gadshill, Ontario manufactures wooden nickels for individuals and businesses from all over North America. The Company periodically puts out its subscription series of twenty woods and these are regularly shown in this newsletter. Some of the so-called 'woods' that they produce, however, are considered by the purists of wooden money collectors as a souvenir-type wood. To these people, these woods don't really fit the "wooden money collector's" theme, so-to-speak. These woods may, however, be of interest to some of our members who do collect them. So for that reason this latest group of 12 souvenir woods is being shown here and on the top of page 5. Eleven of these woods are UNIFACE. Only the Christmas tree wood has printing on both sides. Some woods are quite thick (i.e. the sheep wood is a very thick 13 mm; most, however, are 6 mm in thickness). Colours are indicated. For more information regarding these woods please contact Canada Wide Woods directly at General Delivery, Gadshill, Ontario, Canada, N0K 1J0.





**SOUVENIR -TYPE WOODS:** *continued from page 4*

## 2002 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

QTY.	FUNCTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	Main Registration ..... <i>(Includes registrant's souvenir convention medal in copper, admission to bourse, unlimited visits to Hospitality Suite, souvenir program booklet, Dream Vacation draw ticket and hourly draw ticket.)</i>	\$30.00	_____
_____	Spousal "Add-On" Registration (a family member must be Main Registered) ..... <i>(Includes all of above with the exception of the souvenir convention medal)</i>	15.00	_____
_____	Young Numismatist Registration ..... <i>(Includes everything in the main registration kit with the exception of the souvenir convention medal)</i>	5.00	_____
_____	Banquet (Saturday 6:30 p.m. cash bar; 7:00 p.m. dinner) ..... <i>(Includes full-course dinner and draw prize ticket)</i>	30.00	_____
_____	Dream Vacation Draw tickets (buy 5, get 1 free) .....	2.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - brass (only 40 struck) .....	10.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - .999 Sterling silver (only 30 struck) .. <i>(Note that the copper medals are not available for sale - they are only included with the main registration kits.)</i>	30.00	_____
<b>TOTAL</b> (please make cheque payable to the 2002 ONA Convention) .....			<u>\$</u>

NAME OF MAIN OR YOUNG NUMISMATIST REGISTRANT: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSAL REGISTRANT (If applicable). Include first name: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have been appointed as a Delegate by a club, name club: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete this form, photocopy it and send it, along with a cheque payable to the 2002 ONA Convention, to:*

2002 ONA Convention, c/o tom Rogers, 41 Masefield Cr., London, ON N5V 1M9



## ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION: PROGRAM OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY - APRIL 12

12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.	Viewing of auction material (Kensington Rooms 1&2)
5:00 p.m.	Security commences
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Dealer Set-up
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Registration table open for pick-up of registration kits, medals, banquet tickets
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Auction conducted by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc. (Kensington Rooms 1&2).

### SATURDAY - APRIL 13

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	CNA Executive meeting (Kensington Room #1)
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Bourse room unlock - set-up only for dealers and exhibitors
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration table open
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club (CTCCC) meeting (Kensington Room #2)
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Bourse floor open to the public
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite open to all registrants, daily admissions, bourse dealers and their families for complimentary coffee & snacks (location to be advised)
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC) meeting (Kensington Room #1)
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.	Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors meeting (Kensington Room #2)
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society (CMNS) meeting (Kensington Room #1)
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	ONA Club Delegates Meeting (all official club delegates and their seconds, ONA Executives and guests are invited to attend) - Keynote Speaker is John Regitko, ONA Editor & Club Services Chairman on "Additional Ideas for Making Local Coin Club Meetings Even More Interesting." Presentation of ONA best local coin club bulletin and editor awards; report by the ONA Audio Visual Lending Library Chairman; introduction of new audio visual programs by the Club Services Chairman. Mike Hollingshead, ONA President, is M.C. (Kensington Room #2)
5:00 p.m.	Bourse and exhibit close
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Pre-Banquet Reception and cash bar - open only to holders of banquet tickets (Kensington Rooms 1&2)
7:00 p.m.	ONA Banquet - keynote speaker. Includes full-course dinner, draw prizes, awards presentations and more (pre-purchased ticket required)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Bourse unlock - dealers and their legitimate assistants may enter the bourse room
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	ONA Annual General Membership Meeting - Treasurer & Membership Chairman report by ONA Treasurer, Bruce Raszmann; exhibit award winners announced by ONA Head Judge, Paul Johnson; discussions from floor (Kensington Room #1)
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Bourse floor open to the public
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite open to all registrants, daily admissions, bourse dealers and their families for complimentary coffee & snacks (location to be advised)
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	ONA Executive meeting - ONA members are encouraged to attend as observers (Kensington Room #1)
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Meeting about commemorative medals and tokens of Canada's Centennial 1967. Don Robb is M.C. Includes discussions about new discoveries, buy/sell/trade, etc. (Kensington Room #1)
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	ONA Dream Vacation Draws - you do not have to be present to win (Convention foyer)
4:00 p.m.	Bourse room closes. Exhibit tear-down begins
4:00 p.m.	SHOW CLOSES